

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

July 17, 2013

The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 2013.

Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Mary Delisio, Russell Ryan, William Sisco, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present. Leone D'Onofrio arrived at 5:07 p.m. Absent: Louis Misto.

A motion was made by Mary Delisio and seconded by Russ Ryan to accept the minutes of April 17, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the minutes of April 27, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the minutes of May 4, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the minutes of May 15, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the minutes of June 7, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to be discussed at the August meeting.

Treasurer:

- We are in good shape.**
- Mary Delisio or Michelle Vacca are authorized signers in Treasurer's absence.**

- In the absence of the treasurer, Mary will sign checks and vouchers will be signed by Marilyn and the Moderator.
- Motion from Bill Sisco to transfer funds was discussed (see attached).

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to move money under/over expenditures in accounts.

VOTED: That the Board accept the motion to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to move money under/over expenditures in accounts. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

The Moderator received several donations in memory of Madelyn Thumm. One donation was requested to go to the Fire Department. The rest were earmarked for the Fire District. The Moderator will provide the Clerk with information so cards can be sent.

Fire Department:

Deputy Chief Turnberg was present to discuss the Super Storm Sandy incentive. 566 calls were made in total during the week before, during and the week after the storm. Incentive total will be \$6,226.

A motion is made by William Sisco and seconded by Mary Delisio to accept and disburse the incentive recommendation made by the Deputy Fire Chief which totaled \$6,226 (see attached).

VOTED: That the Board accept and disburse the incentive recommendation made by the deputy chief which totaled \$6,226 (see attached). (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

- **Questions about fire equipment that could be sold.**
- **Bill Sisco will search vendors to see what belongs to Fire Department and what belongs to the Fire District.**
- **Is Weekapaug fire truck deal possible? Need a truck committee.**
- **A meeting will be called by the Moderator to meet with the Moderator from Weekapaug.**

Tax Collector:

- **\$492,000 collected. Collected more this year than we sent out this year.**
- **Collected four out of five properties that were going to tax sale.**
- **Fifth property has a federal lien on the property – should we continue the process?**
- **Solicitor recommends moving forward with tax sale**

A motion is made by Mary Delisio and seconded by William Sisco that we move the property at Newall Terrace forward to tax sale as per Solicitor.

VOTED: That the Board move the property at Newall Terrace forward to tax sale as per Solicitor. (Bellesheim, Delisio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca,

Vumback – Yes)

- **Change year for tax and arrears.**
- **Clerk will look up history on tax sale in the minutes.**
- **Discussion over whether it goes before taxpayers or not**

2013 tax bills –

- **Leone will contact Opal Data to extract the tax roll.**
- **Treasurer recommends sending tax bills early.**
- **The money is needed early so that we can begin building the life saving stations.**

Tax Assessor:

- **Leone received tax rolls from the town and pulled out the tax exempt.**
- **Leone is requesting support on what to do from former Tax Assessor.**
- **Mary, Michelle and Leone will meet to further discuss.**
- **We will set the tax rate in August.**

Moderator:

- **FEMA update – received check for \$29,883.75. That was for “Mad River Construction removing the sand in the street and the sand we were to purchase from town of Westerly”. The town calls stating we need to send back the money since we did not pay for the sand from Westerly – in the amount of \$22,387.50. FEMA calls again with**

\$66,740 approval for septic. Seventy five percent of \$66,740 = \$50,055. They will send us a check for \$27, 667.50. (50,055 – 22,387.50 what they owe us minus what we owe them). Net amount received \$27,667.50.

- November/December we may see another check.**
- MFD Procedure Book – Marilyn Bellesheim will update the book and redistribute to members of the board.**
- Procedures for committees posting – from here forward we follow the plan: if we are going to have a district meeting or a committee meeting, it must be posted in three places (Beachcomber, Fire Station and Corner Store) 72 hours prior; minutes taken at every meeting must be posted at SOS. As a courtesy we will continue to post on MFD website.**
- Scott Campbell contacted Moderator – he wrote a song about Misquamicut and would like to donate the song “Misquamicut Love” to the district. Moderator will get a copy of the song for board members to review.**

New Business

- Report from the asbestos company regarding fire station house –**

residual pipe installation was positive for asbestos. Windows fine. Less than 102 linear feet, therefore we do not have to have an asbestos abatement plan. We need a contractor that will remove the asbestos.

A motion is made by Mary Delisio and seconded by Russ Ryan that we will get prices for the removal of the minimal amounts of asbestos on the piping.

VOTED: That the Board get prices for the removal of the minimal amounts of asbestos on the piping. (Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

- Fire House painted. Gutters will be reinstalled. The meeting room ceiling tiles have been removed.**
- Committee for the rescue stations – had one meeting and have the material on the outside set, inside was visited with the architect. Didn't think of extra bathrooms in the ladies room. Need to go back to CRMC with the change. We are not encroaching as much on the beach.**
- Russ recorded our property survey of the three MFD beaches and it is recorded in the Town Hall in Westerly.**
- \$328,000 is all we have to spend on the future buildings, minus what we already spent.**
- Discussion over beaches and attendants' performance.**
- Question on 4/27 – Executive Session issue – we talked about if we**

have the right/don't have the right to discuss board member performance? Should we put together a committee to specifically look into board member performance? Should we talk about the Fire Chief be a voting member? This pertains to all board members and how to handle issues of noncompliant performance. We will table until winter months.

- Solicitor speaks that he appeared before the Town Council on Monday, July 8, 2013, and spoke to answer Bill Slade's problem concerning the Misquamicut drainage. An outline of the Solicitor's comments are attached.

- MFD FD – trailer is registered.

- We instructed the chief to put MFD details on boat and tractor. We do not know if it has been done.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is set for August 21, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk